

July XX, 2010

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Re: Comments on the draft CAD cell ESD

Dear Mr. Dickerson,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the City of New Bedford's comments on the subject proposal to use a confined aquatic disposal (CAD) cell in the lower harbor as part of the Superfund harbor cleanup.

As City representatives stated publicly at the June 24, 2010 public meeting, the City supports this initiative since it will significantly expedite the time needed to complete the cleanup. We believe the citizens of this community have suffered the stigma of a contaminated harbor for far too long, and it is incumbent on the EPA to use all safe methods at its disposal so that the harbor can be fully utilized as a valuable community asset as quickly as possible. In this regard, we also urge that increased funding rates be brought to bear so the harbor cleanup can be completed in a reasonable time frame.

We believe CAD cells can be used successfully, as they have already been used so twice to date in New Bedford Harbor for navigational dredge material disposal. We look forward to working with the EPA to show that they can also be used successfully for Superfund sediments.

Sincerely,

Scott Lang, Mayor
City of New Bedford